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In re Patent Application of)
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Application No.: Unassigned) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
(Corresponds to PCT/EP96/03705))
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Date: 22 August 1996) Examiner: Unassigned
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For: USE OF BOSWELLIC ACID AND)
ITS DERIVATIVES FOR)
INHIBITING NORMAL AND)
INCREASED LEUCOCYTIC)
ELASTASE OR PLASMIN ACTIVITY)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 1-9 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Kindly add new claims 10-16 as follows:

10. A method for preventing and/or combatting diseases which are caused by increased leucocytic elastase or plasmin activity or can be treated by the inhibition of normal leucocytic elastase or plasmin activity, said method comprising administering an effective amount of boswellic acid, a physiologically acceptable salt, a derivative, a salt of